to go ahead with the tendering process for appointment of IPO Advisors. However, the actual appointment will be done only after an 'in principle' approval of the Government is given.

(c) to (f) At the present stage, it is premature to identify the exact route that would be followed.

New navigation system

2209. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are developing a satellite-based navigation system which will help to enhance air safety while allowing more aircrafts to operate in the Indian skies simultaneously;

(b) whether any cooperation is sought from ISRO in preparing the navigation system;

(c) by when, Government are expecting prototype in this system for its demonstration; and

(d) to what extent this would help the flight safely and enhance navigation capability in the Indian airspace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Geo-positioning System and Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) is being implemented jointly by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and ISRO.

(c) Technological Demonstration phase of GAGAN project is likely to be ready by June, 2006.

(d) GAGAN will provide seamless navigation over Indian airspace and in oceanic region as well, and precision approaches at all Indian airports.

Shortage of pilots

2210. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines and Air India pilots are quitting for lucrative offers from burgeoning private airline industry;